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Congratulations Dear Bava Thirumeni

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VOICE OF THE EXARCH

Dear Rev. Fathers, Sisters and Seminarians,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

We are traversing the Lenten season and nearing the commemoration of the Pascal Mystery and the celebration of Easter. I wish you all a grace-filled end of the Lenten season to enter a joyous and peace-filled Easter Season!

Easter is a celebration of our Christian faith. "The Lord has risen indeed!" (Lk 24:34). "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain." (I Cor 15:12-14)

The Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, is a celebration of life over death; it is a celebration of life, life in its fullness. It is the triumph or victory of life over death. Jesus said, "I have come to give life, life in its fullness." (Jn 10:10). The fullness of life Jesus gave us walking the way carrying the cross, suffering, dying and being buried. Then to gift the fullness of life, he rose from the dead. Apostle Paul rightly says, "Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was." (Rom 6:5)

Easter is a celebration of joy and peace. Coming into life brings joy. The joy of resurrection makes sense only to those who find joy in life. The presence of the risen Lord in our life sheds off all fear, worry and anxiety from our life. Instead it fills us with joy and peace. "When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." (JN 20:19-20).

Easter is a celebration that urges us to continue the mission of Jesus. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father

has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:19-21) We need to share our Jesus-experience with others: "Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (Mt 28:9-10). "That same hour, they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Lk 24:32-35)

May the glory, peace and joy of Easter fill our homes, our parishes, our Church and the world! HAPPY EASTER!

Your loving Aboon

+ Mar Anthonios

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Apostolic Exarch

HAPPY BRITHDAY DEAR FATHERS…

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ദൈവകൃപയാലും തിരുസിംഹാസനത്തിന്റെ അംഗീകാരത്താലും
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സ്വയംഭൂവും സർവ്വശക്തനും ആദ്യന്തമില്ലാത്തവനും
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ദ്വിതീയ മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭാ അസംബ്ലി-2019

അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാക്കന്മാരേ, വന്ദ്യ കോറെപ്പിസ്ക്കോപ്പാമാരേ, വന്ദ്യ റമ്പാന്മാരേ, ബഹു. വൈദികരേ, ശെമ്മാശന്മാരേ, സന്യസ്തരേ, കർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയ വിശ്വാസികളേ!

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭ 2005-ൽ ഒരു സ്വയാധികാര (*Sui iuris*) സഭയായി സാർവ്വത്രിക സഭയിൽ അംഗീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ പതിനഞ്ചാം വാർഷികത്തിലേക്ക് നാം പ്രവേശിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. അപ്പസ്തോലികമായ നമ്മുടെ സഭ അതിന്റെ ദൈവിക നിയോഗ പ്രകാരമുള്ള ശുശ്രൂഷകളിലും സേവനങ്ങളിലും ഉൾച്ചേർന്ന് 90-ാം വയസ്സിലേക്ക് പ്രവേശിക്കുന്നു. 2030-ൽ മലങ്കര പുനരൈക്യ പ്രസ്ഥാന ത്തിന്റെ ശതാബ്ദിയാണ്. ഈ പശ്ചാത്തലങ്ങളുടെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ വിചിന്തനം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനും പുനർസമർപ്പണം നടത്തുന്നതിനുമായി മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയുടെ രണ്ടാമത്തെ സഭാ അസംബ്ലി വിളിച്ചു കൂട്ടുവാനുമുള്ള നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ പരിശുദ്ധ സുന്നഹദോസിന്റെ തീരുമാനം സഭാമക്കളായ നിങ്ങളെ ഏവരേയും ഞാൻ സന്തോഷപൂർവ്വം അറിയിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭ സാർവത്രികസഭാ കൂട്ടായ്മയിൽ ഒരു മേജർ ആർക്കിഎപ്പിസ്ക്കോപ്പൽ സഭയായതിനാൽ പൗരസ്ത്യ കാനൻ നിയമം അനുശാസിക്കുന്ന പ്രകാരം മേജർ ആർക്കിഎപ്പിസ്ക്കോപ്പൽ അസംബ്ലി അഞ്ചു വർഷത്തിൽ ഒരിക്കൽ വിളിച്ചുകൂട്ടാവുന്നതാണ്. “കൂടുതൽ പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള വിഷയങ്ങൾ കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്, പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് സ്വന്തം സഭയുടെ പൊതുനന്മയും, അതുപോലെതന്നെ പല സ്വയാധികാരസഭകൾ ഒരുമിച്ചു നിലനിൽക്കുന്ന പ്രദേശം മുഴുവന്റെയും പൊതുനന്മയും കണക്കിലെടുത്തുകൊണ്ട്, കാലത്തിന്റെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ

സാഹചര്യങ്ങളനുസരിച്ച് പ്രേഷിതത്വത്തിന്റെ ഘടനയും കർമ്മപരിപാടികളും സഭാപരമായ അച്ചടക്കവും വേണ്ടരീതിയിൽ ഏകീകരിക്കുന്നതിനു"മാണ് (140–ാം കാനോന) ഈ പൊതു സഭാ അസംബ്ലി. നമ്മുടെ സഭയിൽ ഈ സമ്മേളനം 'മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭാ അസംബ്ലി' എന്ന് വിളിക്കപ്പെടുന്നു.

രണ്ടു തലങ്ങളിലായാണ് ഈ അസംബ്ലി സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്. ഭദ്രാസന/ എക്സാർക്കേറ്റ് എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്ന അസംബ്ലിയാണ് പ്രഥമതലം. ആകമാനമലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭയ്ക്ക് പൊതുവായി ക്രമീകരിക്കുന്ന പൊതു അസംബ്ലിയാണ് രണ്ടാമത്തെ തലം.

നമ്മുടെ സഭാത്മകജീവിതത്തെ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മ നിറവിൽ പരിചിന്തനം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനും ദൈവസംസർഗ്ഗത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ ഉൾച്ചേർക്കുന്നതിനുമായി രണ്ടാമത്തെ സഭാ അസംബ്ലി വിളിച്ചുകൂട്ടുവാനുള്ള തീരുമാനം 2018 ഫെബ്രുവരി 19 മുതൽ 23 വരെ കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്ററിൽ കൂടിയ സഭയുടെ 22–ാമത് പരിശുദ്ധ എപ്പിസ്കോപ്പൽ സുന്നഹദോസിലാണ് കൈക്കൊണ്ടത്. നമ്മുടെ സഭാ അസംബ്ലി **2019 ഒക്ടോബർ 8, 9** തീയതികളിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നതും ഒക്ടോബർ 10–ന് ഭാഗ്യസ്മരണാർഹനായ ബനഡിക്ട് മാർ ഗ്രിഗോറിയോസ് മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തായുടെ 25–ാം ഓർമ്മപ്പെരുന്നാളിലെ വി. കുർബ്ബാനയോടുകൂടി സമാപിക്കുന്നതുമാണ്. ദൂരസ്ഥലത്തുനിന്ന് വരുന്നവർ 7–ാം തീയതി വൈകുന്നേരം/രാത്രി എത്തിച്ചേരേണ്ടതാണ്. നമ്മുടെ സഭാ ആസ്ഥാനമായ കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്റർ കേന്ദ്രമാക്കിയാണ് അസംബ്ലി നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നത്.

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭാദ്ധ്യക്ഷനാണ് സഭാ അസംബ്ലിയുടെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ. അസംബ്ലിയുടെ ക്രമീകരണങ്ങളുടെ കാര്യ ക്ഷമമായ നടത്തിപ്പിനുവേണ്ടി കൂരിയാ മെത്രാൻ അഭിവന്ദ്യ യൂഹാനോൻ മാർ തെയഡോഷ്യസ് തിരുമേനി ചെയർമാനായും അഭിവന്ദ്യരായ ജോസഫ് മാർ തോമസ് തിരുമേനി, വിൻസെന്റ് മാർ പൗലോസ് തിരുമേനി എന്നിവർ വൈസ് ചെയർമാന്മാരായും റവ. ഡോ. ജോർജ്ജ് തോമസ് കൊച്ചുവിളയിൽ ജനറൽ സെക്രട്ടറിയായും ഒരു കേന്ദ്ര കമ്മിറ്റി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നതാണ്. അസംബ്ലിയുടെ നടത്തിപ്പിനുള്ള വിവിധ കമ്മിറ്റികളുടെ വിശദാംശങ്ങൾ ഏവരെയും അറിയിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

നാം ജീവിക്കുന്ന ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യേക സാഹചര്യങ്ങൾ ഉൾക്കൊണ്ടുകൊണ്ട്, സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനഘടകമായ 'കുടുംബം', സഭയുടെ ദ്വിതീയ അസംബ്ലിയുടെ പൊതുവിഷയമായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. ഇതുവഴി "സുവിശേഷകയായ മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാ സഭ" എന്ന പ്രഥമ അസംബ്ലിയുടെ വിഷയത്തിന്റെ തുടർച്ചയായി "**കൃപ നിറയുന്ന കുടുംബങ്ങളിലേക്ക്**" സഭയുടെ അടിയന്തിരമായ ശ്രദ്ധതിരിക്കുവാൻ സഭ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുകയാണ്. സങ്കീർണതകളുടെ നടുവിൽ ആയിരിക്കുന്ന കുടുംബാന്തരീക്ഷത്തിൽ ദൈവീക കൃപാമാരി പെയ്തിറങ്ങാൻ സഭ ഒന്നാകെ പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ച് ഒരുങ്ങേണ്ട കാലമാണിത്. സുവിശേഷം നിറഞ്ഞു നിൽക്കുന്ന കുടുംബങ്ങളിലാണ് കൃപ നിറയുന്നത്: ഒന്നാമത്തെ സഭാ അസംബ്ലി ഈ

അസംബ്ലിയിലേക്ക് വാതിൽ തുറക്കുന്നത് നാം ശ്രദ്ധയോടെ കാണണം.

പ്രതിപാദ്യ വിഷയത്തിന്റെ സന്ദേശവും ചൈതന്യവും സഭായോഗത്തിലുള്ള ഭാഗഭാഗിത്തവും ഓരോ സഭാവിശ്വാസിയിലും എത്തേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. നമ്മുടെ കുടുംബങ്ങൾ, ഇടവകയിലെ വായനായോഗങ്ങൾ/ പ്രാർത്ഥനാകൂട്ടായ്മകൾ, ഇടവകകൾ, വൈദിക ജില്ലകൾ, സന്യാസ സമൂഹങ്ങൾ, ഭദ്രാസനങ്ങൾ, എന്നീ തലങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം പ്രതിപാദ്യ വിഷയം ചർച്ച ചെയ്യേണ്ടതും പ്രായോഗിക നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ ഉരുത്തിരിയേണ്ടതുമാണ്. 2019 ആഗസ്റ്റ് 15-ന് മുൻപ് ഭദ്രാസനഅസംബ്ലി റിപ്പോർട്ട് കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്ററിൽ എത്തിക്കത്തവിധം ഭദ്രാസന യോഗങ്ങൾ കാനൻ നിയമം അനുശാസിക്കുന്ന പ്രകാരം ഭദ്രാസനാദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാർ വിളിച്ചുകൂട്ടേണ്ടതാണ്.

ഭദ്രാസനതല അസംബ്ലിയുടെ നടത്തിപ്പ് സംബന്ധിച്ച പൊതു നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ, ഉദ്യോഗവശാൽ യോഗത്തിൽ അംഗങ്ങളായിരിക്കുന്നവരുടെ ലിസ്റ്റ്, തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെടേണ്ട പ്രതിനിധികളുടെ ലിസ്റ്റ്, യോഗത്തിന്റെ ഘടന, നടത്തിപ്പ്, ഭാഗഭാഗിത്തം, യോഗനടപടികളിൽ പാലിക്കേണ്ട അച്ചടക്കം എന്നിവയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച വിശദവിവരങ്ങൾ ഈ ഇടയലേഖനത്തോടൊപ്പം ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

ഇന്നുമുതൽ അസംബ്ലിയുടെ അവസാനം വരെ സഭയിലും, അസംബ്ലിയിലും ദൈവീക ഇടപെടലും വിശിഷ്യാ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മ പ്രചോദനവും ഉണ്ടാകുവാൻ സഭാമക്കളേവരും നിരന്തരമായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കണം. ഇതോടൊപ്പം തന്നിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനനമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ഭവന ങ്ങളിലും സന്ധ്യാനമസ്ക്കാരത്തിനുശേഷവും നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ഇടവക കളിലും ആശ്രമങ്ങളിലും മഠങ്ങളിലും വി. കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് അനു ബന്ധമായും ചൊല്ലേണ്ടതാണ്.

ആയത് ദൈവമാതാവായ പരി. കന്യാമറിയത്തിന്റെയും, അപ്പസ്തോല സമൂഹത്തിന്റേയും, വിശിഷ്യാ നമ്മുടെ പിതാവായ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്ലീഹായുടേയും, സകല വിശുദ്ധരുടേയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളാൽ തന്നെ, ആമ്മീൻ.

ദൈവം നിങ്ങളെ ഏവരേയും അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ!

എന്ന്,

കർത്താവിൽ നിങ്ങളുടെ വിനീതശുശ്രൂഷി

+Baselios Cleemis

✠ **ബസേലിയോസ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ക്ലീമിസ്**

മലങ്കര സുറിയാനി കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ

മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ്-കാതോലിക്കാബാവാ.

15.03.2019
കാതോലിക്കേറ്റ് സെന്റർ
പട്ടം, തിരുവനന്തപുരം.

N.B.: ഈ സർക്കുലർ 2019 മാർച്ച് 31-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ചയോ അതിനടുത്ത ഞായറാഴ്ചയോ നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ പള്ളികളിലും, മിഷൻ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും, ആരാധനാ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലും വി. കുർബാന മദ്ധ്യേ വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

Exarchate of St Ephrem Khadki-Pune

St Mary's Malankara Catholic Cathedral. 51 BhauPatil Road, Bopodi, Pune 411020

Prot. No: CL 1/2019 16 March 2019

Dear Rev. Fathers and Rev. Sisters,

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ.

I wish you all a blessed Lenten season!

It is time for the Parish General Body Meeting or *ItavakaPothuyogam* 2019. Such a communion of the members of the parish is an important moment in the life of a parish. It is convoked according to the norms of the CCEO and the CPC SMCC cc 142-158 observing in letter and spirit the norms of law. I invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit in our *Pothuyogams*.

CPC SMCC c 165 says that the new committee shall be elected every year before the thirtieth of April and the new committee shall take charge in May. Accordingly, the *pothuyogam* shall be convoked in our parishes on or before 28 April 2019. Since the Sundays of14 and 21 April 2019 are Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday respectively, it is not proper to convene the *Pothuyogam* on these Sundays. Therefore,the it shall be convened either on Sunday 7 April or 28 April 2019. No Parish Priest shall take an exception to this. If for any serious and unavoidable reasons, an exemption is needed, the Parish Priest shall present the matter to me in writing.

In the election of the *ItavakaCommittee*, especially the Trustee and

the Secretary, CPC SMCC cc 159 to 195 shall be observed. In addition, the *Pothuyogam* shall see to it that, those elected as the Trustee and the Secretary are competent to prepare and present the monthly and annual accounts of the parish in accordance with the norms of Canon Law and Civil Law. Ignorance of law and lack of competence will invite a lot of inconvenience for us. Those not skilled in accounting shall employ skilled persons according to the direction of the Parish Priest. The Parish Priest is duty bound to ensure the authentic and transparent maintenance of the accounts of the parish as per law.

According to CPC SMCC c 166, "the parish priest shall obtain the written prior approval of the eparchial Bishop or competent authority for the elected members of the *itavakacommittee* to take possession of the office…" As in the previous years, Rt Rev. Msgr Varghese Mattamana, the Protosyncellus of our Exarchate along with Rev. Fr John Achuthaparambil, the Associate Finance Officer and our internal auditor Mr V A George will inform you the dates of the audit. Those who present the accounts for the annual internal audit shall ensure that all supporting bills, vouchers and documents are presented along with the annual accounts. After the audit, if the audit is satisfactory, the Protosyncellus will give the approval to the duly elected *ItavakaCommittee* for the year 2019-'20.

I appreciate and thank the Parish Priest and the Trustee, the Secretary and the members of the Parish Committee of each parish for their dedicated service for the parish and the Exarchate during the year 2018-'19. May God bless you all for your commitment!

Invoking God's blessings on all during this Lenten season,

Yours lovingly in your service

+ Mar Anthonios

✠ Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC

Apostolic Exarch

This circular is to be read in all our parishes on Sunday before the 7 April 2019

Exarchate of St Ephrem Khadki-Pune

St Mary's Malankara Catholic Cathedral. 51 Bhau Patil Road,
Bopodi, Pune 411020

Prot No.CL 2/2019 23 March 2019

Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters,
My dear Brothers in Sisters,

I wish you all a grace-filled completion of the Lenten season. I hope and pray that the season help us to grow in sanctity and imbibe deeply the salvation brought about by the paschal mystery of the Lord. May the Risen Lord's greeting "Peace be with you!" reign in our hearts, homes and communities. Happy Easter!

Urging you to take an active participation in the following events and preparations of our Church, I bring them to your attention.

The Parish Suvisesha Sangham

The *Suvisesha Sangham* established in the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church in the year 2012 has been inspiring the Church to live the Word of God and to proclaim it. Under the guidance of the Holy Episcopal Synod, Very Rev Fr Antony Kakkanatt and team have so far trained 910 members in the Ecclesial level and Eparchial level *Suvisesha Sanghams*.Of these 117 are from the our Exarchate and for its service. Through their personal sanctification of living the Word of God through a way of life proposed by the *Suvisesha Sangham*, they are instruments in the hand of the Holy Spirit in the renewal of our ecclesial life. The SS has created a growing sense of the need to lead a holy life. It has produced a missionary awareness in our faithful, our families, our parishes

and our Church. It is an inspiration for our missionary activities.

It is now time for the formation of the *Suvisesha Sanghams* at the parish level. The members of the Suvisesha *Sangham* who received *kaiveppu* at the Ecclesial and Exarchial levels and belonging to each parish of our Exarchate should take a lead, under the guidance of the Parish Priest, to form the *Suvisesha Sangham* of the respective parish. For this the parish priest shall call together all the present members of the *Suvisesha Sangham* and discuss the mode of approach. Then the Parish Priest shall invite members of the parish who would like to undergo the formation and training to be the members of the parish level *Suvisesha Sangham*. The Parish *Suvisesha Sangham* shall have a minimum of 10 members. The maximum can be any number. If the number of those volunteering to be members of the parish *Suvisesha Sangham* is less than 10, the Parish Priest shall personally approach the parishners and persuade them to become members. This initiative shall be completed before 30 April 2019. A list of the prospective members shall be sent to the District and Exarchial Directors of the *Suvisesha Sangham* and to me on or before 15 May 2019.

Rev. Fr Antony Kakkanatt has agreed to train these members at a central place of an ecclesiastical district. The formation programs will be scheduled in such a way as to have five or six modules of two days each, stretched over a time span of one to one and a half years. Although, they are trained together at a centralized place, the *Kaiveppu* shall be given in each parish at the end of a Holy Qurbono celebrated by me with the parish.

It is good to have a get-together of all the members of the *Suvisesha Sangham* of the Exarchate for a live-in experience and renewal programme. It will be an occasion for evaluation and planning. Rev. Fr Stephen Chempakathoppu and Mr VA George will organise these camps in two zones: Hyderabad-Chennai-Bengaluru zone will be meeting at St Thomas Church Padi, Chennai on 1 and 2 May 2019. The Mumbai-Pune zone along with Nasik, Aurangabad, Goa, Nagpur etc will be meeting on 1 and 2 June 2019.

The MCA

The Malankara Catholic Association (MCA) is the official organization of the laity and has been an example of laity-empowerment and participation in our Church. In our Exarchate too the MCA has been functioning in an exemplary manner, it playing a vital role in our ecclesial life. The MCA Exarchial elections were held on 19 January 2019 at Sakinaka, Mumbai and I appreciate everyone who took leadership for this election to be conducted in a smooth manner. I also congratulate the outgoing as well as the New Exarchial MCA Team along with the newly elected central committee members. God bless you all!

I would also bring to your notice the phenomenon of absenteeism in our MCA meetings. Despite constant reminders many district nominees did not turn up for the important meeting. This does not grace the stature of those elected to such offices of responsibility. I exhort all concerned to be strictly present for the activities. For any grave reasons you must take the permission of the Exarchial Director of the MCA stating the actual reason for which you request absence. The Exarchial Director shall keep me informed of it. Kindly understand that once you accept your election to a post you also *ipso facto* promise to be available for the concerned organization and this involves dedication and commitment.

The MCA is an organ consisting of men and women of our Church. The Church tries to foster equal participation of women in all domains of her life. Hence, we have to ensure the participation of our women in the MCA and its committees. I hope this can be discussed in the forthcoming general body meeting of the *Mathrusangaham* and a feasible mode of participation ensured. I have already asked the President and the Secretary of the *Mathrusangham*to represent the Exarchate at the MCA Central Committee.

Exarchial *Mathrusangham*

Election to the Exarchial Mathrusangham team is planned to be held on 4 May 2019. Parish as well as District elections must be completed before that. I request all Rev Fathers to make note of this

Meeting of the Synodal Commission for Evangelization,Tvm

Exarchate Participants at MSCC Assembly Preparatory Meet , Tvm

Mumbai Suvisesha Sangham Meet, Sakinaka

Episcopal Ordination Day Celebration,Tvm

Meeting of the Exarchate Delegates with Bava Thirumeni, Tvm

Holy Episcopal Synod, Tvm

Pune Suvisesha Sangham Meet, Khadki

Women's Day Celebration, Borivili

Parish Day Celebration, Dehu Road

MG College Day Celebration, Chennai

MCCL Visit at Swami Vivekananda Ashram, Thane

Parish Feast, Vikhroli

Pune District Pastoral Council Meet, Khadki

Farewell to Fr Joseph Venmanath, Pune

MCYM Get Together, Bangalore

MCCL Arts Fest, Dehu Road

Shubkono Service, Kalewadi

Shubkono Service, Kharghar

Credo-2019 Quiz, Vishrantwadi

Shubkono Service, Warje

Footsoul 2K19, MCYM Kharghar

Servant of God Mar Ivanios Youth Community (Bangalore), Kamagiri Mission Visit

Wahire Village, Igatpuri

New Mission at
Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh

Women's Day Celebration
SEVA, Khopoli

School Picnic, Khopoli

MCA Sabhathala Committee

DM Convent Blessing, Vellore

Youth Retreat, MCYM Bangalore

and do the necessary arrangements. It is also high time that the MCA and the *Mathru samajam* work hand in hand. Wherever possible, let them work together and be a powerhouse of the Church. Let us all actively support and strengthen our ecclesial associations and thus meaningfully involve and contribute to strengthen the life of the Church.

Ecclesial Assembly

The Holy Episcopal Synod of our Church convoked from 11 to 15 March 2019 decided to hold the Second Malankara Catholic Assembly from 8 to10 October 2019 at the Catholicate Centre focused on the theme *Kripa Nirayunna Kudumbam* (Grace Filled Families). The Holy Synod also proposed to hold the Exarchial Assembly in August 2019 in preparation for ecclesial assembly. Hence, we are beginning the preparation for it. The *Lineamenta* (the draft text for study) on the theme is already prepared. The study of the theme, based on the text, has to be done at the parish and district levels of the Exarchate before we decide on the date of the Exarchial Assembly.

A team consisting of Rev. Fr Melwin Anthalil OIC (Leader), Rev. Fr Philip Pulipra, Rev. Sr Pratheeksha SIC, Rev. Sr Celine DM, *Barz Itho Kasirtho* Sara Mani Kuriakose, Mr VA George, Mr. Jose Alexander and Mr Daniel Babu, is formed for the prior preparation of the Exarchial Assembly. They will be proposing the dates of the parish and district level meetings to study the theme and for giving feedback for the Exarchial Assembly.

The First Malankara Catholic Assembly based on the theme *Suviseshakayaya Malankara Katholikka Sabha* enabled our Church to renew herself in her mission of living the Word of God and in preaching the Word of God. The second assembly is intended to be a catalyst in the renewal of the Christian and Catholic life in our families, the basic unit of the Church and the society. I urge you all to prepare prayerfully for the

assemblies at all levels of our Church.

Centenary Celebration of the Reunion Movement

The Holy Episcopal Synod also held discussions with the representatives of a cross section of our Church to chalk out a programme of preparation for the Centenary Celebration of the Reunion Movement in the year 2030. The meeting proposed a ten year programme based on a theme selected for each year in order to renew the Church from within (*ad intra*) and in relation to her mission to the world (*ad extra*). As in the current year we celebrate the centenary of the founding of Bethany Ashram, the Holy Synod suggested the theme "Religious Life".

89th Anniversary of the Reunion Movement
Sabha Sanghamam
Centenary of the Foundation of Bethany Ashram

The *Sabha Sanghamam* on the occasion of the 89th Anniversary of the Reunion Movement and the Centenary Year of the foundation of Bethany Ashram will be at Bethany Girideepam grounds at Vadavathoor Kottayam on 19, 20 and 21 September 2019. Bethany Ashram, together with the Eparchies of our Church, will host the event.

+ Mar Anthonios

Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC
Apostolic Exarch

The content of this circular shall be announced in the parish after the Holy Qurbono on a Sunday on or before 14 April 2019 and ask the faithful to read it from THE EPHREMITE of the month of April 2019

Exarchial District News

Pune District

Pune District Pastoral Council Meet

A General Meeting of the Pune District Pastoral Council was held on 3rd March 2019, at the Cathedral. The meeting presided by Rev. Fr. Joseph Venmanath, proto presbyter of Pune Ecclesiastical district was attended by 41 members. The meeting started with a prayer after which Mr Jose Alexander welcomed everyone and presented the agenda of the meeting. Previous meeting report and the accounts were presented and passed. Rev Fr. Venmanath conveyed the need of fund collection for the Seminary construction and urged everyone to participate whole heartedly. He informed the gathered that he is going for higher studies and hence his duration of service in the region has been completed. He announced the appointment of Rev. Fr. John Achuthaparambilas the new District Vicar. After discussion on other relevant matters Rev. Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC felicitated Fr. Venmanathand thanked him for his leadership. He also welcomed the new District Vicar Rev. Fr. John Achuthaparambil. A small memento was presented by Fr. John to Fr. Venmanath as a token of love and respect from PDPC. The Meeting ended with Vote of thanks by the Secretary followed by Prayers and final Blessings.

Holy Redeemers MSCC, Kalewadi

Arts Festival of *Mathrusangham* and Pithruvedi: Arts festival for Mathrusangham and Pithruvedi was organized by the parish on 17thFebruary 2019. All the active members of the two pious organisations participated in various events such as group song, solo song, elocution, etc.

Annual Lent Retreat: The Annual Retreat was conducted on 2ndMarch.2019.The retreat was led by Rev Fr. Praveen Pottananikal. The session started with evening prayer followed by preaching and adoration.

Shubkono Service : On 3rdMarch 2019Shubkono service was held, to mark the beginning of the 50 Nomb of the year.

St. Antony's MSCC, Vishrantwadi

Shubkono Service : The Lenten season began with the Shubkono

service held on the 24th February 2019.Evening prayer sessions and prayer meetings are held in every members residences to observe the Lenten season.

Credo 2019- The final of the Credo quiz for the parishioners concluded on 10th March 2019 after the Holy Qurbono. The quiz was conducted by the brothers from Bethany Ashram had questions from the Holy Bible, Church History and the Liturgy of the Malankara Catholic Church.

St. Mary's MSCC Warje

Shubkono Service: On 3rd March 2019Shubkono service was held after the Holy Qurbono, which marked the beginning of the Lent this year.

METANOIA'19: MCYM Warje's organized Metatoia'19 on 3rd March 2019 after the Holy Qurbono. Bro. Joby Joseph SVD was the main speaker of the event. The talk was on the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis "*Gaudete Et Exultate*". This was followed by an enlightening talk on analysis of the word 'Turiya' by parish missionary Bro. Henry OIC. A free to ask Q&A session, all flavored up the event to its best.

Annual Lenten retreat: The parish held annual lenten retreat on 10th March 2019. Retreat was led by Rev Fr. Pravin Pottananikal. The parishioners were given the opportunity to do confession while the session was held.

St. Joseph's MSCC, Dehu Road

Feast of St. Joseph: On 19th March 2019,the feast of St. Joseph was observed by the parish. Rev. Fr. Joseph Nobel OIC, Fr. Saiju Kurien OIC and Fr. Robin OIC, concelebrated the Holy Qurbano. Parish day celebrations concluded agape.

Mumbai District

St. Thomas MSCC, Borivili

Women's Day: MCYM of St. Thomas MSCC, celebrated women's day on 10th March 2019 by conducting a session on women safety.

St. Thomas SMCC, Thane

Shubkono Service: On 3rd March 2019 Shubkono service was held after the Holy Qurbono, marking the beginning of the Lent season. The

Qurbono was celebrated Rev. Fr. Manoj Varghese OIC.

Orphanage Visit: The parish MCCL students along with the teachers visited Swami Vivekananda Ashram; an orphanage for boys on 10th March 2019. Clothes and donations were gifted to the residents of the orphanage. The students spent time with the children of the home.

Holy Family MSCC, Vikhroli

Annual Parish Feast: The Annual Parish Feast of HFMSCC was celebrated on the last week of the month of February. The Perunaal flag was hoisted on 17th February 2019 after the Holy Qurbano. On 23rd February 2019, Rev. Fr. Sibi Kochuveettil, from Infant Jesus Syro Malabar church gave the festal message. Followed to the perunaal message, a prayerful procession was held to Infant Jesus Syro Malabar church and back, in which all the parishioners and devotees of the Holy Family participated. Rev Fr. Soju Thomas, Rev. Fr. Joseph OIC and Rev Fr. Paul Vineeth OIC graced the occasion. Perunaal Qurbono was celebrated on 24th February 2019 by His Grace Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC. A small public gathering was held after the Holy Qurbono conveying the festal greetings and gratitude to the gathered, following which all dispersed after agape.

V-Ignyte: Parish MCYM's second innings of V-Ignyte was officially inaugurated by His Grace Most Rev. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC on 24th February 2019, in a short programme held after the Perunaal Qurbono. The sporting extravaganza under the theme "Hand to Stand" will be held on 30th March 2019 at Mumbai University Grounds where all the member units of the Exarchate have been invited.

Harvest Festival: Parishioners enthusiastically participated in the Harvest Festival Auction both by contributing as well as by buying the goods brought by the members. The auction was held after the Holy Qurbono and Shubhkono service on 3rd March 2019.

St. Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

Shubkono Service: Parish marked the beginning of the Lenten Season with **Shubkono Service** on 3rd March 2019. The Holy Qurbono was conducted in the evening, followed by the Shubkono

service. As a part of the Lenten observation, way of the cross is conducted in the unit on every Friday.

St. Mary's MSCC, Kharghar

MCCL Day: The parish **MCCL Day** celebration started with the Holy Qurbono followed by various programmes by kids like Solo Songs, Action Song, and Bible Stories etc.

FOOTSOUL : The second season of an ecumenical football tournament was organised by Kharghar MCYM under the leadership of the Rev Fr Mathew Modiyil OIC at Nerul Gymkhana with the aim of supporting children with educational need. A total of 16 teams from different Christian parishes participated in the event. The event was graced by the presence Msgr. Varghese Mattamana. Rev Fr. Soju Thomas, Fr. Joseph OIC and Swapna Gawade (Corporator of Nerul Area)

Jubilee Year Celebration: Rev Fr. Paul Vineeth OIC former vicar of Kharghar Parish visited the Kharghar parish as part of the **Jubliee Year celebration**. On 23rd February 2019, Rev Fr. Paul Vineeth OIC celebrated the Holy Qurbana Mr. V. G. Thomas on behalf of the parish members felicitated him for his services rendered during his tenure.

Shubkono Service: The Lent season for this year started with the Shubakono Service held after the Holy Qurbono celebrated by Rev Fr Mathew Modiyil on 3rd March 2019.

St John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai

50 Nomb: For the **Lenten season**, a Cross has been given to each prayer group leaders to be circulated through the 50 days with prayer. Each family who receives this cross on one of the days of the 50 Nomb, conducts the prayer for the observation of the Lent. On every Friday of Lent Way of the Cross and Mass is held in Church.

Swanthanam: The unit conducts the charity activity as a project undertaken with the view of helping a Cancer patient. Every family is given a collection box to collect a sum and help a cancer patient.

Bangalore District

Servant of God Mar Ivanios Youth Community, Dharmaram : A new community named after Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios, formed at Bethany Convent, Dharmaram, Bengaluru for the pastoral care of the migrant youths of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church was initiated by Rev. Fr. Geevarghese Kaithavana, Rev. Fr. Robin Mankkalethu, Rev. Fr. Shiju K. Levi OIC and the Bethany Sisters of Thirvalla Province. It was officially inaugurated by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC, The new community is for the youths and families who are studying and working in the nearby areas of Dharmaram, Holy Qurbono is celebrated every Sundays in the chapel of the Bethany Convent, for the faithful of the community. Group of 50 active youth members of the community conduct all the activities planned for the year.

Outreach Program: As part of the Golden Jubilee of MCYM, the Mar Ivanios Youth Community organised an outreach program for the community to spread the Good news of Jesus Christ to the poor people in the Kamagiri mission. It was the first outreach program of the community. A medical camp was arranged for the villagers under the leadership of Dr. John Abraham, Bethany sisters and the youths of the community. Meanwhile action songs, games, dances and other classes were also conducted for the children. The day culminated with lunch prepared by Fr. Amuthraj and Bethany sisters. As a token of love a donation was given to the Kamagiri mission program.

Annual Feast: As part of the Annual Feast, St. Thomas Forane Church, Dharmaram, invited Servant of God Mar Ivanios Youth Community to offer Holy Qurbono in the Antiochean Rite. The youth of the community led the choir and assisted in the Holy Qurbono. The holy Qurbono was concelebrat by Fr. Robin Manakkalethu, Fr. Geevarghese Kaithavana and Fr. Shiju K. Levi OIC.

MCYM News

MCYM Global Directors & Animators Meet

ATHMA 2019 was organized by MCYM Central team from 4th March 2019 to 6th March 2019 at Santhiliyam, Thiruvalla. It was a training programme for Directors and Animators to understand the mission and vision of MCYM. The programme also trained the youth ministers on the skills needed to animate the youth to help them translate their daily travails to faith experiences. Rev. Fr. Soju Thomas (Exarchate MCYM Director), Rev. Fr. James (MCYM Director Bengaluru District), Mrs. Thankam George (Bengaluru District Animator) and Mrs. Julie Jim (MCYM Exarchate Animator) participated in the event. The event was graced by the presence of the chairperson of the synodal commission H.E Bishop Vincent Mar Paulose. The speakers for the session were Rev. Fr Jolly Karimpil (Prof Major Seminary Trivandrum), Mr A.P. Thomas, (Professional trainer). Rev. Fr. Jolly Vadakan (KCBC secretary Commission of media), H. E. Bp Thomas Tharayil. (Aux. Bp. Of Changanassery) and Rev. Fr. Jose Kayalikal.

Bengaluru District - MCYM GET TOGETHER

The MCYM Bangalore district started this year's activity with the MCYM get together. District MCYM Director Fr. James Cherivaparambil along with Fr. Joel Mathew the district vicar and Fr. Koshy Kakkanatu Corepiscopo graced this event. The evening began with a small inaugural ceremony. During the gathering Fr Koshy Kakkantu Corepiscopo and Fr. Joel Mathew were felicitated as they celebratd the jubilee of their ordination. Former MCYM members were also felicitated with a memento. The gathering also bid farewell to MCYM animator Mrs. Hema Elizabeth and welcomed Mrs. Thangam George who is the new animator.

Catechism News

Second Semester Examination: The second semester examination is scheduled to be held on 28th April 2019 at 11.00 am. In order to assist those who will be in Kerala during the examination time, exam centers will be arranged at the Diocesan headquarters.

Jeevan Darshan Camp: *Jeevan Darshan Camp* is planned in our districts. The Exarchial Brothers who are studying in the different Seminaries will lead the camps. The schedule is as below.

District	Date
Bangalore	April 1,2,3
Chennai	April 29,30 May 1
Hyderabad	May 3,4,5
Mumbai	May 3,4,5
Pune	April 29,30 May 1

NB: Nashik can join Mumbai and Aurangabad can join Pune. Apart from the districts, there will be camps conducted at our mission stations Bapatla mission, Kamagiri mission and Samrakshana Ashram.

Institutional News

Mar Gregorios College, Chennai.

Annual Day: The College held its Annual Day on 1st March 2019. Rev. Fr. Johnson Parackal the former Secretary of the College was the Chief Guest for the occasion. He addressed the gathered on Value Education and Discipline. The correspondent Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana was the Guest of Honor. Rev. Fr. Varghese Mattamana released MGC College Magazine, GREGORIANS 2019. More than 400 students received prizes for securing high marks in both College and University examinations. Students enthralled the audience with scintillating cultural performances

Exarchial Finance Office
List of the Donation for Charity Received on the Feast of Aboon

1	St. Marys Malankara Cathedral,Khadki	100,000.00
2	St. Marys Malankara Catholic Church,Warje	10,000.00
3	St. Joseph Malankara Catholic Church,Ulhasnagar	15,000.00
4	St. Antony's Malankara Catholic Church,Vishranthwadi	25,000.00
5	St. George Malankara Catholic Church, Ayyapakam	5,000.00
6	St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church,Picket	5,000.00
7	St. Josephs Bethany Convent,Dehuroad	10,000.00
8	Holy Family Malankara Catholic Church,Vikhroli	3,000.00
9	St. Ephrem Malankara Catholic Church,Goa	2,000.00
10	D M Sisters Gurav Pimple	5,000.00
11	D M Sisters ,Padi	5,000.00
12	Mar Gregorios College ,Padi	50,000.00
13	Sacred Heart Mat.Highier Secondary School,Padi	25,000.00
14	Mar Gregorios CBSC School ,Padi	25,000.00
15	St.Marys School,Kharsundi	5,000.00
16	St.Thomas Malankara School,Nashik	10,000.00
17	Little Flower Nursery School,Padi	10,000.00
18	Suviseshasangam,Kalewadi	2,500.00
19	Fr.Varghese Kaithon	10,000.00
20	Fr.Philip Pulipra	10,000.00

21	Fr.Moncy Kaleeckal	10,000.00
22	Fr.John	5,000.00
23	Fr.Mathew Pallikunnel	2,000.00
24	MCA ,Pune District	5,000.00
25	P Varghese & Family,Khadki Parish	5,000.00
26	Mrs.Molly Rajan,Kalewadi Parish	7,000.00
27	Mr.John P G ,Kalewadi	2,500.00
28	Mr.Jose Alexander & Family.Chinchwad Parish	5,000.00
29	Mr.Babu George,Kharghar Parish	10,000.00
30	Mr.T M Johnson & family	15,000.00

Important Dates to Note

07 : Samio Sunday (Curing the Blind)
08 : Comm. of Bishop Lawrence Mar Ephrem (1997)
12 : Fortieth Day of the Great Fast
: Feast of Bishop Abraham Mar Julios
14 : Palm Sunday
: Social Welfare Day
18 : Maundy Thursday
19 : Good Friday
20 : Holy Saturday
21 : Easter
28 : New Sunday
: Seminary Day
: Comm. of Bishop Isacc Mar Yoohanon (1987)

Bishop's Diary

1-2	Mon-Tue	:	Igatpuri-Ghotti Mission Visit
3-5	Wed Fri	:	Pune
6-7	Sat, Sun	:	Bible Convention Bengaluru
8-9	Mon-Tue	:	Pune
10	Wed	:	Minor Orders and Diaconate, Kalewadi, Pune
11	Thu	:	Mission Meetings in Pune
12	Fri	:	Pune
13	Sat	:	Mission Prayer Meeting in Pune
14	Palm Sunday	:	Sakinaka, Mumbai
14-20	Holy Week	:	Sakinaka, Mumbai
21	Easter Sunday	:	Sakinaka, Mumbai. Evening Chinchwad
22	Mon	:	Pune
23	Tue	:	Ecumenical Easter Celebration, Pune
24	Wed	:	Priestly Ordination, St Mary's Cathedral, Khadki
25	Thu	:	Pune
26	Fri	:	Trivandrum
27	Sat	:	First Holy Qurbono, Aryankavu, Kerala
28	Sun	:	Mission Preaching, Anchal
29	Mon	:	Trivandrum
30	Tue	:	Religious Profession of Salomi at Nalanchira, Tvm

Hearfelt Thanks to Dear Fr Joseph Venmanath

Social Welfare Day

(14 April-2019)

Let us be Socially Sensitive and Committed.

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